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Summary Information

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Title	William B. Umstead Governors' Papers, General Correspondence, 1953-1954
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Biographical/Historical note

William B. Umstead was born in Bahama North Carolina on May 13, 1895. A 1916 graduate of University of North Carolina, Umstead fought in World War I then studied law at Trinity College upon his return home. Umstead began his career practicing law in Durham county, and later served in the United States House of Representatives and Senate. In 1952 he was elected governor, where he served until his death in 1954.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, press releases, and reports comprising the bulk of Governor Umstead's executive papers, relating to all facets of the operations of the governor's office, state government, and issues before the governor. Correspondents include the general public, state agency and commission officials, political organizations, and federal agency officials. Generally carbon copies from the governor or his private secretary are attached to incoming correspondence. Although there is a separate series of press releases, short speeches, and proclamations, these may also appear attached to letters in various subject files in this series. Larger files include the Dept. of Justice file on segregation and a subject file on the United States Supreme Court decision in Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. Much of this correspondence includes constituent letters and signature petitions to the governor regarding the decision. Other subjects of interest include the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight; the opening of the New State Fair Arena (Dorton Arena); and educational television at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Collection Arrangement

Chronological, then alphabetical by agency or subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Access to Collection

Collection is open for research; records stored offsite, requires additional retrieval time; advanced notice required for Saturday access.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Anniversaries
- Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka
- Civil rights movements
- Education
- Segregation
- Television

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